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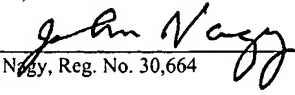
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This application is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 09/879,263 which has issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,629,994 on October 7, 2003. A copy of the documents listed on the Information Disclosure Statement by Applicant Forms PTO/SB/08A can be found in U.S. Patent No. 6,629,994.

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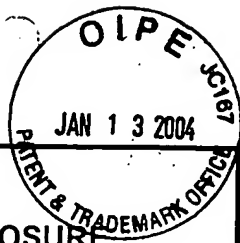
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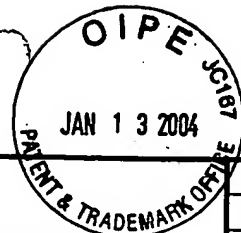
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